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For: SUPER HARD AND TOUGH NANO-CRYSTAL AUSTENITE STEEL BULK MATERIAL  
WITH AN IMPROVED CORROSION RESISTANCE, AND ITS PREPARATION PROCESS

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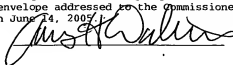
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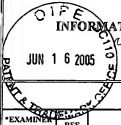
  
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